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the Woodlands Section of the Association was granted \$2,000. to assist in certain researches into the utilization of decayed wood. Two years later, in January 1926, the committee reported that the Laboratories scheme was in full operation except that one or two important staff positions remained temporarily vacant owing to difficulty in finding the right men. A budget was submitted calling for \$50,000. for two years 1926-7, and was voted; and at the same meeting \$6,000. was voted to the Woodlands Section for investigational work".

Closely connected with the work carried on by the Technical Section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has been that of the Pulp and Paper Division of the Forest Products Laboratories of the Dominion Government which has for some years been housed at McGill and has thus enjoyed the facilities of the University. Since 1915 this section has carried on research in the mechanical properties of Canadian woods, and in the physics and chemistry of wood pulp. Investigation of the highest importance into the anatomy of woods has been made and recorded not only in figures but in thousands of lantern slides.

When the University was enabled to found its Department of Industrial Chemistry it became evident that possibilities existed for co-operation between the Government, the industry and the University which must be of the greatest value to all concerned, and at a meeting held on June 25th of the present year the Association resolved to offer to provide on the University grounds adequate accommodation for the three organizations concerned and to join in arrangements for their maintenance. The site is being leased at a nominal rental by the University and the cost of construction is to be borne by the Pulp and Paper Association. Maintenance charges will be carried by the different authorities interested. The new building will provide permanent, separate and adequate accommodation, first for a Cellulose Institute to be operated by the Department of Industrial and Cellulose Chemistry of McGill University and second for the technical organization maintained for research by the Pulp and Paper Association and - so long as it co-operates by making the Pulp and Paper Division of the Forest Products Laboratories part of such organization - the Dominion Government.

Graduate and undergraduate students of McGill University selected by the director of the University Department may carry on research and study with the technical organization, and members of this organization who are to undertake any teaching duties or the direction of research work by graduates qualifying for higher degrees will be on the staff of the University and will be entitled to its facilities and will be appointed by the University and Association jointly.